

West Salem School District

April 2014



Newsletter

One Last Reminder and Moving Forward

By Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

We offer one final reminder to exercise your civic responsibility and cast your vote on April 1st. The ballot will include a three-person race for two seats on our school board, a referendum question seeking permission to borrow up to \$32 million for the purpose of constructing a new middle/intermediate school and a second referendum question seeking a one-time revenue limit exemption for the purpose of security upgrades at our elementary school.

The three candidates for school board are incumbent Syl Clements, Catherine Griffin and Ralph Thorn. Profiles of these candidates along with interview notes can be viewed in an article entitled "Newcomers Join Clements on School Board Ballot" in the March 21, 2014 issue of the Coulee News or on-line at www.lacrossetribune.com/couleenews/.

Information regarding the school district referenda can be viewed online at the district website, www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Please click on the "School Referendum Info" tab. There you will find articles, photos, plans and other related information.

Elections, regardless of the subject matter, force citizens to make a choice. The very nature of the process requires each voter to "pick sides." It can be very divisive. Our current school referendum is no different. From those eagerly in support to those strongly opposed, the lines are drawn. I will offer the key for our school district moving forward, in fact for any democratic body, is the ability to shake hands, accept the results and return to the business of governing. The future of our school district demands we move past the current healthy debate over a referendum and continue working together to address the many complex issues involved in providing for our children and our community.

Thank you for reading, for participating, and for your continued support of public education.

OM Teams Place at State Competition

Congratulations to all of the 11 Odyssey of the Mind teams for successfully presenting their solutions at the State Meet in M.A.T.C. in Madison on Saturday, March 22, 2014!

This is the largest number of teams the district has sent to the competition in recent history and the first time a High School team competed at state.

Five teams brought home a trophy and we would like to extend a special congratulations to them!

1st Place to the elementary school team (problem 4)

Coached by B.J. Newton

1st Place to the middle school team (problem 4)

Coached by Krista Beron

2nd Place to the middle school team (problem 3)

Coached by Carrie Andres

2nd Place to the high school team (problem 2)

Coached by Angie Hemker

3rd Place to the middle school team (problem 5)

Coached by John Knepper



Seventh grade band students work with Dr. Chris Werner from Lakeland College

Serve with Passion...
Vote April 1, 2014

District K-12 Art Show



VAC - 1st at Regional Competition

The West Salem Visual Arts classic team took first overall at today's Regional Competition! The 12 person West Salem team is headed to take on the 7 other Regional winners at State on April 11th!

Please take time to congratulate the following students on their individual and team effort:



Ivy King, Erica Rich, Hannah Reedy, Amber Holcomb, Mitch Krein, Riana Herbold, Abby Johnson, Paige Brenengen, Brigitte Baker, Nora Meyer, Courtney Garrels, and Anessa Holey.

Capitol Rotunda Show

The West Salem Art Department is proud to announce that Erica Rich, Elaura Clark, Sam Stenberg, Abby LeDoux, Connor Bahr, Addie Harris, Ethan Crusan, Melanie Weigel, Brynn Hage and Ian Munger have the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents at our State Capitol building.

At the Regional Youth Art Month celebration at Lincoln Elementary in Merrillan, student artwork from schools in CESA 4 and CESA 10 was on display.



Of these works of art from this region, 50 were selected to have their art displayed at the State Capitol Rotunda as part of the March Youth Art Month showcase.



The above students will have work displayed at the Capitol Rotunda from March 22nd -April 4th. They are also invited to take part in the Youth art Month celebration at the Capitol Rotunda on April 4th.

**NESHONOC YEARBOOK
DEDICATION MAY 16**

**WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL'S 2014
NESHONOC YEARBOOK DEDICATION CEREMONY
IS SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE MARIE W. HEIDER CENTER FOR THE ARTS.**

West Salem Board of Education Policy 384
Animals on School Grounds

Animals are not allowed on school grounds. Exceptions include licensed service dogs for individuals with an appropriate disability and certified search dogs accompanied by law enforcement. Other exceptions may be granted for curricular reasons following approval of a written request to the building principal.

This policy does not preclude pet owners from walking their leashed animal on the public sidewalks bordering Mark Street, Hamlin Street and East Avenue. Owners must pick up and properly dispose of any and all animal waste left by such animal on District property and are subject to local laws and ordinances pertaining to animal control.

Revised: January 28, 2013

Outdoor Education Center Visits

West Salem students will be visiting the Outdoor Education Center in April and May. La Crosse and surrounding counties are areas which are found to be populated with deer ticks, which may cause exposure to Lyme Disease. It is important for people who work or recreate outdoors to learn the facts about the disease and how to prevent it. By taking some simple precautions we can all continue to safely enjoy the pleasures

and benefits of outdoor activity. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barb Thompson or Connie Troyanek at the elementary school, 786-1662.



**OEC
Training**

Do you enjoy learning about nature? Do you like spending time with young children? Do you have a free day or two this spring to spend outside? If this sounds like you, we'd like to invite you to participate in a special volunteer training program held at the West Salem Outdoor Education Center. This spring we will be training volunteers to lead hikes with small groups of elementary students at the West Salem OEC. We will train anyone who is interested in learning more about our OEC and is willing to share that knowledge with our children. No special knowledge or experience is required. You will attend a three hour training session at the forest prior to the visit. When the students are there, you will be asked to lead a short hike through the forest with a small number of students. What better way to enjoy a warm spring day! For more information or to volunteer, call Barb Thompson at 786-1220 x2125. Thank you for caring about our youth.



**2014 Relay for Life
April 4 & 5**

West Salem High School 6:00 p.m.

Get your team together and get registered.

We are looking for Cancer survivors to participate in our Opening Ceremony.

Please contact Jane Macdonald at the elementary school or macdonal@gmail.com.



School Board Members

Scott Scafe	~~~~~	786-0969
Jason Falck	~~~~~	786-0935
Thomas Helgeson	~~~~~	612-0018
Syl Clements	~~~~~	786-1491
Jane Halverson	~~~~~	786-1067
Ken Schlimgen	~~~~~	786-4382

Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.

* * **Please Note** * *

School will be in session on April 17

June 5 - full day of school

June 6 - classes will be dismissed at 12:20

Check out the school district's Facebook page, listed as, "SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM"



Saturday, April 5

4:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.

W.S.H.S. Commons

Adults— \$6.00

5-10 years \$3.00

4 & Under Free –

Donations welcome!

- Door Prizes
- Silent Auction
- Chinese Raffle

Fun! Children's Corner!

Please join the West Salem Village People in supporting the



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
WEST SALEM AREA**

Check out our Activities by Outside Agencies page for a list of activities and events available for your children.

Visit www.wsalem.k12.wi.us, under Other Links, then click Activities Outside Agencies. Flyers are no longer being sent home with students. Announcements for non-school activities/events will be posted on the Activities by Outside Agencies page.

West Salem High School Summer Musical

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics by Charles Hart and Richard Stilgoe

June 19-22, 2014

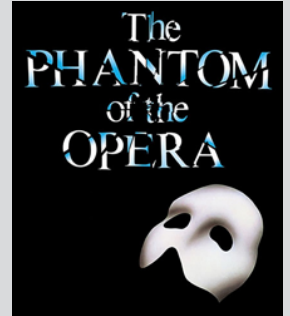
All current 8th grade through twelfth grade actors:
Auditions for the Summer Musical,

“The Phantom of the Opera”, will be held in the High School Choir Room on Monday, March 31 or Tuesday, April 1, from 3:15 to 4:00

for chorus only and 4:00 to 5:30 for principle parts only. You will need to attend one audition.

For those not able to attend please contact Mrs. Andres to arrange an alternative audition time.

Callbacks (if needed) will be held April 3 from 3:15 to 4:30. Musical practices will begin April 7 after school.



9th Annual Mayfair Arts Fair

Sunday, May 4, 2014

West Salem High School

Announcing the 2014-2015 Heider Center Season

The 9th annual Mayfair Arts Fair, one of the major Heider Center Arts Board fundraisers, will take place on Sunday, May 4, at the West Salem High School.

Activities will include:

- Art Fair from 10:00-3:00 p.m. with artwork for sale.
- Free kids’ art activities from 10:00-2:00 p.m.
- Silent auction items to bid on from 10:00-2:00 p.m.
- Door prizes from Heider Center.
- Entertainment by local youth (instrumental, vocal and dance)
- Pulled pork sandwich dinner by Big Boar Catering from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Please get your dinner tickets from any Heider Center Arts Board Member or call the Heider Center Box Office at 786-2550.
- Other concessions will be available.
- Plants and flowers will be sold by the high school FFA.

Come and join the Arts Board for great Family Fun! The perfect place to shop for that special Mother’s Day gift. All events take place in the high school gym and commons area.

February 3-April 30, 2014

Apply on-line:

http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

Who may participate in open enrollment?

- Students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.
- Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2014-15 school year is from February 3-April 30, 2014. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district.

For More Information

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732
Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
Web site: http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

Important open enrollment dates

February 3 – April 30, 2014 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 6, 2014 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 13, 2014 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

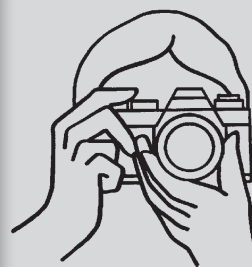
June 27, 2014 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2014-15 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

Congratulations Calista!

- Calista Robaczewski won the **MAKE IT GREEN IN 2014** poster contest. Her artwork will be featured on all earth fair related items this year!
- She is a 4th grader in Mrs. Ebert's class. All k-5 students in the Coulee Region including home-school were invited to submit work. She won a free bike from Smith's Cycling and Fitness!



West Salem PTO Math Night
About 60 students attended the evening of math related activities.



District Photo Contest

The School District of West Salem will be holding a photo contest for the 2013-2014 school year. The district is looking for photos to be displayed in the district office for the 2014-15 school year. **Photos should highlight the best the district has to offer.** Contest information can be found under "Announcements" on the district's web site. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

Heider Center

On February 19, 2002, the taxpayers in the School District of West Salem gave our students and community an incredible gift – a new 650 seat state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. The vote passed by only 24 votes; 1082-Yes and 1058-No. What an incredible difference 24 people have made to the education of our K-12 students and to the community of West Salem as well. Three days later, on February 22, 2002, the auditorium's namesake, Marie W. Heider passed away, leaving a \$1,000,000 donation that would be used to enhance the facility and continue to support the upkeep and needs of the Heider Center in the future.

Today, the Heider Center continues to offer our students and community an incredible performance venue. The School District's Performing Arts programs continue to flourish with numerous concerts and theatrical performances offered from August – June each year! The WSHS Theatre Department currently produces 8 shows a year. West Salem's instrumental and vocal music groups have been invited to perform in prestigious venues including the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Band Association Convention and Disney's Candlelight Processional. Many instrumental and vocal students, as well as the Jazz Bands, One Act Play and Visual Arts Classic team have made numerous state appearances at their respective contests over the past 10 years as well. More importantly though, our performing groups continue to entertain at various community events including the West Salem Relay for Life, Celebrate West Salem, La Crosse Rotary Lights, Mayfair and June Dairy Days.

Many West Salem graduates have pursued careers in music, theatre or visual arts. Still others continue to participate in various musical and theatrical venues in their schools and communities through community bands, church & community choirs, dance studios and community theatre. The performing and visual arts are vibrant in the School District of West Salem because of the generous and continued support of the West Salem community, parents, school board & administration.

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Heider Center, we'd like to acknowledge and thank the community and others who have contributed greatly to the success of Fine Arts Education in the West Salem Community.

♪ Thank you to the tax-payers who financially support K-12 education, especially the Fine Arts programs. Many of our colleagues are envious of the support and beautiful facilities with which we have been blessed.

♪ Thank you to the parents, community members, students, staff and Forward West Salem group who worked tirelessly in 2001-2002 to help pass the referendum. We believe that the West Salem community has clearly seen the results of the investment they made to education 12 years ago.

♪ Thank you to the Heider Board who continues in a partnership with the School District of West Salem. Through this partnership, the Heider Board receives free use of the facility to bring in professional touring shows and programs, as well as many community rentals each year. In return, the school district has been blessed with the services of Arts Center Director, Dan Heerts, who oversees all technical theatre elements for the school district's concerts, meetings and events that take place in the Heider Center. We'd like to thank the members of the Heider Board, past and present, who have volunteered many hours to provide our community and schools with professional touring shows and art exhibits at the Heider Center.

♪ Thank you to our current & past parents, students, alumni, school board, administration, and staff for your continued support of Fine Arts Education in the West Salem Community.

On March 15, we celebrated our students, our community and the wonderful support of Fine Arts Education in West Salem. We believe that our programs teach valuable life skills and enhance learning for all of our students!

For those that were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed the concert!

Sincerely,
Rhonda Andres, Drama Director
Quenten Brown, Visual Arts Instructor
Amy Hanson, Director of Vocal Music & Theatre Arts
David Kies, Director of Instrumental Music
Kelli Martin, Associate Director of Instrumental Music
Courtney Vesperman, Visual Arts Instructor
Angie Hemker, Visual Arts Instructor
Krista Beron, Visual Arts Instructor
Lisa Jones, General Music Instructor
John Knepper, General Music Instructor
Mardeana Glasel, Instrumental & General Music Instructor
Elizabeth Nimm, Vocal Music Instructor
Ryan Waldhart, Instrumental Music Instructor

Jump Rope For Heart

All kindergarten through fifth grade students jumped all over heart disease by participating in a Jump Rope For Heart event on February 12th. West Salem Elementary students raised \$17,506.58 for the American Heart Association!



2014 State Mathcounts News!!!

The State Mathcounts Competition was held in Madison on Saturday, March 1, 2014. There were 131 total students competing, representing 47 different schools from across the state of Wisconsin. There were 21 official teams competing.

West Salem's competitors were Ben Black, Logan Harris, and Drew Peterson. Black placed 67th, Harris placed 88th, and Peterson placed 125th.



Mathcounts is a national program designed to promote excellence in math and science in grades 6 through 8. West Salem's Mathcounts program is coached by Tammy Bentzen and Jon Jones. The National Competition will be held in May in Orlando, FL. The top four individuals from the State competition will represent Wisconsin at the National Competition.

Please support the Senior Class of 2014 at the Dodge Drive Event on Saturday, April 12, 10:00-1:00 at the West Salem Elementary School.

The Senior Class of 2014 is excited to be hosting a Dodge Fundraiser. For every person who test drives a 2014 Dodge Durango, Journey or Grand Caravan, Dodge/Piske of West Salem will donate \$20 to the Senior Class. It's a fun, easy way to raise money for the Senior Class and check out the best selling 2014 Dodge line-up.

All drivers must be 18 years of age and hold a valid driver's license! Take a short drive around the West Salem High School parking lot and proceeds will support the safe, drug and alcohol free evening for the Senior Class of 2014.

Postal Food Drive

Opportunity for service—Come Join the Fun!

The Postal Food Drive is May 10, 2014. The food pantry board is looking for volunteers to help mark and sort the large quantity of food that arrives. Last year we were able to process all of the food with an amazing group of volunteers. In 2013, the community donated 5200 pounds of food! Any amount of time between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. would be appreciated. We will be working in the basement of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 359 N. Leonard St. All ages welcome. Please call Lynette Ender 786-0723 to sign up or just stop by on May 10. Please check expiration dates, they will dispose of expired items.

B-A-O-AB?

Donate Blood

***It takes all blood types,
all generations...Especially Yours***

West Salem Blood Drive

Monday, June 9, 2014

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

625 West Franklin Street, West Salem, WI

Blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID required at check-in.

American Red Cross



Appointments call 786-0684. Walk-ins are Welcome.

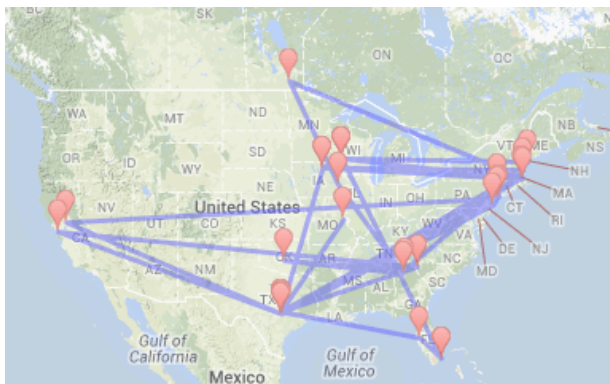
Centralized Registration. All students NEW to the West Salem School District will need to register at the District Office prior to attending the elementary, middle or the high school. The District Office is located at 405 Hamlin Street East. Additional information is posted on our website. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and click on New Student Registration

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608)786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Just fun to share...

In early March, the elementary school LMC classes completed 31 Skype visits for *Read Across America/World Read Aloud Day*. We visited with 10 different authors, 13 different LMC classes and two West Salem High School teachers/classes. We "traveled" to 14 different states and one Canadian province. It was fun and exhilarating to meet so many new friends and share a story.

Mary Hundt, WSES Librarian



The Walking School Bus begins on Friday, April 4th. We will meet every Friday until the end of the year!!

Engaging Parents as Partners

PREPARING FOR THE IEP TEAM Meeting

What is an IEP? IEP stands for Individualized Educational Program. It is a written document that describes the educational plan for a student with a disability.

Who is on the IEP team? Parents, a regular education teacher and a special education teacher are on the team. Other team members can include but are not limited to the student, a family advocate, the school counselor, psychologist, nurse and therapists (speech, occupational, and physical). Parents are encouraged to be active participants of the IEP team.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENT PARTICIPATION BEFORE THE MEETING:

Talk with your child

Know what is working with your child.
What would your child like to do better?

Review your child's records

Look at progress notes, report cards, homework, tests, evaluations, and any other records available.
Write down a list of the strengths and needs of your child.
What can your child do?

What reinforcements work with your child?

Review the present IEP form.

What goals and objectives have been accomplished?
Which ones will need more work?

Write down some goals you'd like to see your child achieve in the coming year.

Remember to set goals for self-help skills, social and emotional areas, as well as academic and vocational/career goals for transition. Prioritize your list of goals that are important for this school year.

Write down a list of questions that you want to ask at the IEP Team meeting.

List your concerns so that you will not forget to address everything that is important for the team to think about.
For a first time IEP Team meeting, talk with other parents. Parents from local parent support groups or disability organizations will provide this kind of resource (WI FACETS or Wisconsin Family Ties).

If you have questions or concerns about the special education process please contact Tiffany Lisk, Family Engagement Liaison for the West Salem School District. You may reach Tiffany at 786-1662 or you may email her at lisk.tiffany@wsalem.k12.wi.us

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE
AUDITIONS FOR

"Beauty Lou and the Country Beast"

The Audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of BEAUTY LOU AND THE COUNTRY BEAST will be held on Monday, April 28th at 4:00 pm at The Heider Center in West Salem. There are roles for students Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 area students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-30 minutes after the audition. Parents or Guardian MUST be present at the start of auditions to sign student's permission slip.

This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

Rehearsals will be conducted every day from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Heider Center Auditorium. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week of April 28-May 3 and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack.

The 60-70 minute performances will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm and will be presented at The Heider Center Auditorium. The students in the cast will be called for dress rehearsal before the first performance that day. All those cast must be available for all scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers! The residency in West Salem is made possible by The Heider Center Arts Board with help from WE Energies, West Salem Area Community Foundation, Allen Dental and La Crosse Radio Group.

For additional information:
Heider Center Box Office: (608)786-2550
405 E. Hamlin St. West Salem, WI
www.heidercenter.org



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School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2014

Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Thomas Helgeson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on February 20, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mrs. Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Scafe recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Davita Molling.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended by removing the CESA #4 report. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The middle school music students competed in 49 different events at solo and ensemble.
2. This past Saturday, the high school math team competed at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The team placed first in their division.
3. Kaitlin reported that her keyboarding research is underway and when completed, she will share her findings with the board.

Zachary reported on:

1. Congratulations to the high school wrestlers who will be competing at state this week: Brandon Bahr, Nick Buisman, Aaron Broer, and Devin Bahr.
2. There is an FFA speaking competition happening tonight in the high school.
3. Mariah Nichols' MS (multiple sclerosis) Benefit took place this past weekend.

Correspondence

A letter from Christopher Werner from Lakeland College, regarding the high school's wind symphony performance at the 30th Annual National Band Association Convention in Wisconsin Rapids, was read.

Public comments

Rodd Krause, a parent of a Coulee Christian School student, submitted a request for Coulee Christian School to participate in the high school's hockey program.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that the committee met tonight and discussed the 2014-15 budget.

Reports from Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Kerri Feyen, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014; the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2014; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

West Salem High School teachers Andrea Armstrong, Kathy Hilby, Wayne Sackett, Justin Jehn, Jamie Olson, and High School Principal Mark Carlson gave a presentation on their attendance at the NASSP 2014 Ignite Conference.

West Salem High School teachers Amy Hanson and Dave Kies presented their request for a music department trip.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the request for the music department trip for the fall of 2014 to New York. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson led a discussion on the 2014-2015 budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Strategic Planning Initiative: Workforce Engagement and Development. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to approve Brad Skaer as the high school JV boys' golf coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance

evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" regarding the performance evaluation of teachers.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

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Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The first practice for high school track started today and there are about 50-60 boys out for track this year.
2. The high school Visual Arts Classic (VAC) team competed this weekend and will be competing at state.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. The Onalaska girls' hockey coop competed at state and lost 5-6. The team consisted of two West Salem High School girls.
2. The rest of the high school spring sports will start next week.
3. The high school softball team will be participating in a spring training trip to Florida at the end of March.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Verda Drecktrah was read.

A letter of interest from the Boys' and Girls' Club was read.

Public comments

Elementary Art Teachers Courtney Vesperman and Angie Hemker invited the administration and board to select a piece of artwork from the K-12 District Honors Art Show, to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for the next year.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 Board of Control Report – Mrs. Halverson reported that the board reviewed the audit report, approved a resignation and hired a speech and language therapist, discussed vehicle use by CESA employees, reviewed the vehicle fleet with possible additions, discussed policy #3100, administrator school site visits are being done, and a reminder that the Legislative Forum will be March 27, 201.

Finance Committee – Mr. Schlimgen reported that budget reductions were discussed.

District performance initiative reports from Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley and Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2014, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept donations from the following: from Sherry Kneifl to the elementary library, from Kathy Thompson to the district, from Don Buehler to the high school, and from the West Salem Lions' Club for the high school. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Board Representative Kaitlin Brueggen shared research she completed on grades 6-12 keyboarding in the district.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed information on the 2014-2015 budget, with regards to possible reductions that may need to be made. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson provided an update on the insurance benefits the district staff currently receives. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Strategic Planning Initiative: Communication and Community. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the District OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) document. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation to contract with Stacy Rel as the eighth grade softball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignations of Stacy Pelts, custodian, and Brad Skaer, 8th grade softball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

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Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 1 Election Day - Vote!
Baseball-JV/V (H) GET/Mel-Min - 5:00
Softball-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 5:00
Soccer-Coulee Region Christian (H) 5:00/7:00
Track-V at C-FC Invite - 4:00
- 3 Baseball-JV/V (H) Prairie du Chien - 5:00
- 4 Softball-JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Tomah - 5:00/7:00
- 5 Panther Film Festival
Baseball-JV/V at Bangor - 11:00/1:00
Softball-V at Waupun Tournament - 10:00
- 7 Baseball-V/JV at 4:30/6:00
- 8 Baseball-JV/V at Viroqua - 5:00
Golf-V at Luther (Drugans) 3:00
Golf-JV at Arcadia (Country Club) 4:30
Softball-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V at Onalaska - 5:00/7:00
- 8-9 OEC - Sophomores
- 10 OEC - Sophomore rain date
Baseball-C - Luther (doubleheader at Riverview) 4:00
Golf-JV at Luther (Coulee G.B.) 3:00
Softball-JV/V at Arcadia - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Cental - 5:00/7:00
Track-JV/V (H) WS Early Bird - 4:00
- 10-11 Theatre Class Production
- 11 OEC - Grade 5 Volunteer training - 8:30-10:30
Baseball-JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther - 5:00
Golf-V (H) WS Early Bird Invite (Fox Hollow) 1:00
- 12 OEC - Grade 5 Volunteer training - 8:00-10:00
Baseball-JV/V at De Soto - 2:00/4:00
Track-V at St. Mary's University Invite - 3:00
- 14 Middle School Show Choir & Jazz Concert - 7:00
OEC - Grade 5 - Brodsky, Jeranek, Stachowski
Golf-V at Viroqua - 1:00
Golf-V vs Westby (at Viroqua) 3:30
- 15 Baseball-C at Holmen (Doubleheader) 4:30
Baseball-V/JV at Holmen - 4:00/5:30
Golf-JV (H) (Fox Hollow) 4:30
Softball-JV/V (H) Westby - 5:00
Soccer-V/JV at Holmen - 4:00/5:45
Track-V at Holmen Invite - 3:30
Track-JV at Bangor Early Bird Meet - 4:00
- 17 **School In Session**
Baseball-C (H) Westby (HS Field) 5:00
Baseball-JV/V at Arcadia - 5:00
Softball-JV/V (H) BRF - 5:00
Soccer-V at Mel-Min - 5:00
- 18 **No School**

- 21 **No School**
Baseball-JV/V (H) C-FC - 5:00
Softball-JV/V at GET - 5:00
- 22 OEC - Grade 5 - Burdick & Czajka
Baseball-C/JV/V at Westby - 5:00
Golf-C at Arcadia (at Country Club) 4:00
Soccer-JV/V at Platteville - 5:00
Track-FR/SO (H) WS Frosh-Soph Meet - 4:00
- 24 Softball-JV/V at Viroqua - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Logan - 5:00/7:00
Track-JV at Sparta Invite - 4:00
- 25 Baseball-JV/V at BRF - 5:00
Golf-JV at BRF (at Skyline) 4:00
- 26 Softball-JV/V at Sparta - 11:00
Track-V at K of C Relays - 10:00
- 28 Baseball-JV/V (H) GET - 5:00
Golf-JV at BRF Invite (at Skyline) 1:00
Softball-JV/V at Onalaska Luther (H) 5:00
- 29 OEC - Grade 4 (classes TBD)
Baseball-C at Luther (doubleheader) 4:00
Golf-V at Fox Hollow - 4:30
Soccer-JV/V (H) Sparta - 5:00/7:00
Track-JV/V at Onalaska Quad - 4:00
- 30 OEC - Grade 4 (classes TBD)

MAY

- 1 OEC - Grade 4 (All Classes)
Baseball-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 5:00
Golf-JV at GET (at Ettrick) - 3:00
Softball-JV/V (H) Prairie du Chien - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 5:00/7:00
- 2 OEC - Grade 1 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
OEC - Kindergarten Volunteer Training - 12:00-2:00
Golf-V at BRF (at Skyline) 4:30
Track-V at Arcadia Invite - 4:00
- 3 State Solo/Ensemble - UWL
Prom
OEC - Grade 1 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
OEC - Kindergarten Volunteer Training - 12:00-2:00
Golf-V at Sparta Invite (at River Run) 9:00
- 4 WSHS Jazz Bands - May Fair
- 5 NHS Induction Ceremony
OEC - Kindergarten - AM-Andres & Lokken; PM-
Wizner & Brommerich
Baseball-JV/V at Onalaska Luther - 5:00
Golf-JV Viroqua - 1:00
Golf-JV Westby (at Viroqua) 3:30
Track-FR/SO at Mel-Min Frosh-Soph Meet - 4:30
- 6 OEC - Grade 1 - Chambers, Wheeler, Reedy
Baseball-C/JV/V at Onalaska - 4:30
Golf-V at BRF (at Skyline) 1:00
Softball-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 5:00
Soccer-V at Prairie du Chien - 5:00

7	Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20, Buses leave at 12:30 WSHS SEP Presentation Day (no school for grades 9-11)		Golf-V at Holmen Invite - 1:00 Softball-Regional Quarter Final Soccer-V (H) Mel-Min - 7:00 Track-V at Norse Invite (at Whitehall) 4:00
8	OEC - Grade 1 - Crow & Wagner Golf-V at A-F Invite (at Northern Bay) 9:00 Soccer-JV/V at Central (at Fields for Kids) 5:00/7:00 Track-V at Coulee/SCC Meet (at UWL) 3:30	23 25 26 27	Senior Sing-Out WSHS Graduation No School OEC - Grade 3 - Patterson & La Fleur Softball Regional Semi Finals Soccer-JV/V at Reedsburg - 5:00 Track Regionals at Mauston
9	OEC - Grade 1 - Christianson & Perz Softball-JV/V at Westby - 5:00		27-28 Golf Regional at Northern Bay
10	OEC - Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00 Baseball-C at Viroqua Tourney - 10:00/1:00 Baseball-JV/V at Sparta (doubleheader) 11:00	28	OEC - Grade 3 - Deml, Skaar, Schwartz Grade 1 - Smith Valley School - Wagner, Reedy, Christianson, Chambers
12	6th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 6:00 7th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:30 OEC - Kindergarten - AM-Ranzenberger & McConkey; PM-Antony OEC - Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30 Baseball-C (H) Holmen (doubleheader at Riverview) 4:30 Golf-JV at GET Invite (at Etrick) 1:00 Softball-JV/V at BRF - 5:00 Track-V at Viroqua Invite - 4:15	29	8th Grade Promotion - 7:00 OEC - Grade 3 - Weber & Mathison Grade 1 - Smith Valley School - Wheeler, Perz, Crow Baseball-JV/V at Aquinas - 4:00/4:30 Softball Regional Finals Soccer-JV/V at Aquinas (at Fields for kids) 5:00/7:00
13	OEC - Grade 2 - Hesse & Zais Baseball-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 5:00 Golf-V at Arcadia Invite (at Trempealeau Mt.) 1:00 Soccer-JV/V at Holmen - 5:00/7:00	30	OEC - Grade 3 Rain Date Track Sectionals at Viroqua Baseball-C at Viroqua (doubleheader) 4:30
14	WSHS Senior Scholarship Night OEC - Grade 2 - Court & Kochie	31	WSHS Band - June Dairy Days Parade WSHS Jazz Bands - June Dairy Days Gazebo - 3:00
15	OEC - Grade 2 - Servais & Hickey Golf-V at Arcadia (at Arcadia CC) 12:00 Golf-V at GET (at Etrick GC) 3:30 Softball-JV/V (H) GET - 5:00 Soccer-JV at Nekoosa - 5:00		JUNE
16	Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication OEC - Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30 Baseball-JV/V (H) Westby - 5:00	3	OEC - Grade 8 Baseball Regional Quarter Final Softball Sectional Semi Finals
17	WSHS Choir Farewell Concert - 7:00 OEC - Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00 Golf-V at Conference meet at Forest Hills - 8:00 Softball-JV/V (H) WS Tournament - 9:00 Track-V at Conference Meet in Viroqua	3-4 4	Golf Sectional OEC - Grade 6 Grade 1 - Myrick Park Baseball Regional Semi Final
18	WSHS Farewell Concert - 3:00 WSHS Farewell/Awards Picnic - 5:00 OEC - Woodsie Training	5	Softball Sectional Finals Soccer Regional Semi Final
19	8th Grade Band/Choir Concert - 7:00 Baseball-JV/V (H) BRF - 5:00	6	Tentative Last Day of School 12:20 Dismissal, Buses leave at 12:30 Grade 1 - Pine View Park Baseball Regional Final
19-23	OEC - Grade 7	6-7	Track State Meet at UWL
20	Baseball-C (H) Viroqua (doubleheader) 4:30 Golf-JV (H) at Fox Hollow - 1:00 Soccer-JV/V at Logan (at Fields for kids) 5:00/7:00 Track-JV (H) Conference JV Meet - 4:00	7	Soccer Regional Final
22	Baseball-JV/V at GET - 5:00	9-10 10 12 13-14 14 17-19 19-21 19-22	Golf State at University Ridge, Madison Baseball Sectionals Soccer Sectional Semi Final Softball State Tournament Soccer Sectional Final Baseball State Tournament Soccer State Turnament at Uihlein Park Summer Musical - <i>PHANTOM OF THE OPERA</i>

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DECA Competes at State

Shelby Cornell, Avery Strangstalien, Abby Maliszewski, and Ben Sharp all medaled in their event and got on stage. Erin Faella took home 6th in Quick Serve and qualified for ICDC (she also qualified on Wednesday in a sales presentation). She also won a \$500 travel scholarship. Brennan Bahr finished 8th in Food Marketing and bumped into a spot at ICDC. Finally, Jinal Patel took 1st in Principles of Hospitality & Tourism in her first year competing. Jinal, Erin, and Brennan will be traveling to Atlanta in May to compete!

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